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1. The purpose of this dispatch is to review recent activities of AEVIRGIL-1 and to outline a plan for future activities emphasizing REDSKIN and contact operations.

2. A few introductory paragraphs outlining the underlying philosophy for the establishment and support of a KUBARK sponsored emigre organization may be in order. If we take a glance at the history of revolutionary activities of Russian emigres prior to the Revolution of 1917 we will see that while their propaganda efforts did not seem to have had any obvious results as long as the government was strongly entrenched, these efforts bore its fruits as soon as the government showed weakness, made palpable mistakes and began to lose its former supporters. The results of such propaganda activities were not felt until the moment of crisis. As an example we can quote the opinions of various Ambassadors in St. Petersburg in 1917 when street disturbances broke out in the capital. All Ambassadors, including the excellently informed British Ambassador, reported to their governments that no basis for a successful revolution existed in Russia. This was also the opinion of the liberal and even of most socialist leaders in Russia. It was not then realized that the Russians were ready to revolt, prepared and indoctrinated by emigre revolutionary propaganda.

3. The possibility was never even considered that AEVIRGIL-1 or any other emigre organization would originate a successful revolution in the Soviet Union. As a matter of fact the AEVIRGILites were prohibited from publishing any incendiary appeals to a violent overthrow of the Soviet regime. The intent was for AEVIRGIL to spread liberal ideas, to instill among Russians a desire for freedom and to stimulate a hate for dictatorship in order to lay the foundation for a widespread movement favoring a free and democratic regime in Russia, to speed up the evolutionary process that according to the words of a prominent American we hope will take place. As reported in the newspapers this American said: "There are grounds for believing that a slow process of evolutionary change may have its effect within Russian society. . . . We may yet live to see the diffusion of power within Russia, the withering of a dictatorial party apparatus that is already obsolete in its ability to govern a complex modern nation. . . ."

4. The most intelligent and the better educated emigres, having lived under the Soviet regime for a long time and having been in daily contact with their compatriots at home, possess an understanding of the problems of the Soviet peoples and of their mental processes that cannot be matched even by the best western experts on Russian affairs. Therefore, an organization of primarily recent Russian emigres was created by KUBARK to conduct effective propaganda against the Soviet government. While this organization was given considerable leeway in planning and organizing its work, all its activities are under strict KUBARK control and there has never been a single instance when an AEVIRGILite has attempted to act independently without the approval of the KUBARK case officer.

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5. Recently we have been emphasizing another type of activities, namely, REDSKIN and contact operations. Again intelligent emigres find it often much easier to come in contact with the Soviet people, than non-Russians do. This is true especially lately when the fear of contacts with emigres has lessened and recent experience has shown that friendly relations can be established. The plans for expanded future contact activities are outlined further in this dispatch.

6. For propaganda purposes AEVIRGIL-1 publishes books, brochures, leaflets and periodicals. AEVIRGIL-1 has published the following books and brochures:

- A. Avtorkhanov - Technology of Power
- L. Bogdanov - A Telegram from Moscow
- The Pasternak Affair
- R. Dontsov - The Frontline of Freedom (Berlin)
- V. Dadintsev - Not by Bread Alone
- Ivan Yelagin - Political Verses
- V. Zhabinsky - Pictures from an Exhibition (Soviets at the Brussels Fair)
- P. Kovalev - Between Capitalism and Communism
- K. Krylov - The System of Nationalized Property
- The Literary Emigre Compilation
- Marxism in Our Time
- V. Martsalov - Slave Economy
- V. Nikolaev - Towards Freedom, Right and Justice
- N. Osipov - Slandered by Friends
- A. Taigin - Socialist Realism
- There and Here
- H. Fast - The Naked God
- A. Fedorov - Reorganization of Industrial Management
- Khrushchev in America (Notes of an eyewitness)
- H. Aron - Opium for the Intellectuals
- M. Valentinov - The Doctrine of the Rightist Communism
- T. M. Chugunov - Education in the Soviet Union and in Russia
- Komsomol - Memoirs of Six Former Komsomol Members
- Co-Existence - Khrushchev's Speech, Kennan's Answer, The Russian Point of View by T. Lebedev

7. AEVIRGIL-1 has been producing between 12 and 15 million leaflets a month to be ballooned to the Soviet Army concentration points in East Germany by two AEVIRGIL teams until we were ordered to stop ballooning about five months ago. Special brochures, newspapers and leaflets are produced for specific purposes, such for instance as the Belgian World's Fair or the Vienna Youth Festival, sometime at the request of another KUBARK organization.

8. AEVIRGIL is publishing three periodicals; the monthly Svoboda in the Russian language, the bi-monthly Freie Rundschau in German and Nesti, a Russian literary-political magazine appearing about every four months. Nesti is primarily directed to the Soviet readers, Svoboda to both Soviets and emigres and the Freie Rundschau to German audiences. Svoboda also serves as a means to raise the prestige of AEVIRGIL among the emigres in order to attract the cooperation of the most able and useful emigres.

9. The Radio Department of AEVIRGIL provides radio scripts for three radio broadcasting stations; namely, the Rome Radio Station, Radio Madrid and the Chinese government station in Taiwan. The relationship with the Rome Radio Station is the best. The bulk of the Russian program of the Rome Station - outside of current news broadcasts - consists of AEVIRGIL

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<p>scripts and of other material derived from AEVIRGIL periodicals and other publications. The chiefs of the Radio Station have expressed on a number of occasions their deep appreciation for AEVIRGIL cooperation. The head of the Russian programs of the station stated that without AEVIRGIL support she would not know how she could accomplish her task because the Italian government's financial support is so small that she could not have been able to produce decent Russian language programs.</p> <p>10. The relationship with the management of Radio Madrid is not as satisfactory because of the attitude of the current chief of the station and of local conditions. Nevertheless, 20 to 25 AEVIRGIL scripts are being broadcast monthly by the Russian section of Radio Madrid, a somewhat larger number is broadcast by the Bulgarian section and various numbers of scripts by the Estonian, Latvian and Polish sections. Besides, AEVIRGIL material is widely used for the daily bulletins distributed to the various sections of Radio Madrid. One monthly, completely AEVIRGIL program is also broadcast by the radio station.</p> <p>11. The Taiwan Radio Station obtains monthly four or more taped 15-minute AEVIRGIL programs.</p> <p>12. Thousands of AEVIRGIL books, brochures and periodicals are distributed yearly to the Soviets. Wholesale distribution has been practised when a considerable number of Soviets have visited the West, for instance during the Brussels World's Fair and the Vienna Youth Festival. On the individual basis, literature is given to the Soviets during contact operations with Soviet tourists or delegates visiting the West. AEVIRGIL literature is put up for sale in bookstores and kiosks where they can be purchased by visiting Soviets. Mail distribution to selected Russians in the Soviet Union has been practiced primarily by the Belgian Branch and to Soviet officials in North and South America by the New York Branch.</p> <p>13. As a secondary function AEVIRGIL is engaged in anti-communist propaganda in the West. Especially in Germany where AEVIRGIL has important contacts with German authorities, AEVIRGILites have been asked to provide lecturers to address meetings or to talk to official groups including members of the German Officers Corps. AEVIRGIL has supplied speakers, guides and interpreters for the traveling anti-communist exhibition sponsored by PECHORD. Seminars for German students and others interested in Soviet affairs have been conducted regularly in Berlin and Munich.</p> <p>14. AEVIRGIL has branches and representatives in several parts of Germany, in Belgium, France, Austria, Spain, United States and Israel. Local cleared representatives sent from Munich are in contact with local SR case officers in Paris, Madrid and Vienna, rendering assistance to those case officers in REDSKIN, CE and emigre fields.</p> <p>15. Contact operations have been conducted by AEVIRGILites in various parts of Europe wherever Soviets have appeared. Belgium was the most fertile ground, since its active membership is rather large.</p> <p>16. A most natural area for the expansion of AEVIRGIL activities would appear to lie in a more thorough exploitation of legal travelers into the USSR and a more concentrated effort directed against Soviet visitors to the West. It is our feeling that in these two fields of endeavor directed against the USSR the present AEVIRGIL-1 organization has the capability of accomplishing the following:</p> <p>a. Spotting throughout Western Europe non-US prospective travelers to the USSR. Such spotting activities after development and assessment could, if security and cover conditions permit, be passed to appropriate KUBARK case officers for the mounting of controlled REDSKIN operations.</p>		
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b. Through its organization, AEVIRGIL-1 has access to certain individuals traveling from the West to the USSR for their own purposes and utilizing their own means. These individuals through proper indoctrination could be exploited as vehicles for appropriate propaganda lines. The propaganda line would, of course, have to be subtle and well conceived. This type operation could also produce a better by-product on realities in the USSR through KUBARK-guided briefing and debriefing of such travelers on their return.

17. The operational concepts as set forth in paragraph 16 above were discussed with AEVIRGIL's-30, -46, -108, -111 on 15 June 1960. Their spontaneous reaction to an expansion of their activities was very enthusiastic. About two hours after the meeting had adjourned, AEVIRGIL-6 telephoned [redacted] to tell him of their support for the idea and the lively interest among the AEVIRGIL-1 presidium members.

18. Now that we have generated the idea of this expansion in the minds of the AEVIRGILites, we intend to exploit the individual leads as they develop on an ad hoc basis.

a. Spotting their traveler candidates is now in progress. The KUBARK project officers handling the AEVIRGIL project will screen the leads and, where appropriate, POA's will be requested. This will give Headquarters the opportunity of providing guidance in each individual case in its initial stages of conception.

b. To assist AEVIRGIL in utilizing meaningful evaluation methods of prospective travelers, a training program in the basic techniques of selection and utilization of such travelers will be given by KUBARK case officers who are thoroughly experienced in this field. The program commenced on 28 June with AEVIRGIL-5, AEVIRGIL-46 and AEVIRGIL-108 as the initial trainees. AEVIRGIL-30 and AEVIRGIL-115 will enter the program beginning the first week of July.

c. Once an individual traveler has passed the scrutiny of a POA and a field evaluation of capabilities, the normal procedure for mounting a controlled KUBARK REDSKIN operation will pertain.

19. In the case of the so-called piggy-back operations, the utmost care will be exerted to assure that no lines are being crossed. In Germany individuals determined by AEVIRGIL-1 to be traveling to the USSR will be thoroughly traced throughout the American intelligence community as well as with UPHILL before a REDSKIN operation is originated. In Paris and in Vienna the AEVIRGILites will coordinate all their REDSKIN operations with the local case officers. While AEVIRGIL's organization and network of associates throughout Western Europe is an excellent source for ferreting out and exploiting leads to individuals traveling through the USSR on their own, it is recognized that this endeavor must be closely supervised by KUBARK in order to avoid the pitfalls of wire crossing.

20. Preparations are also underway to increase the scope and effectiveness of AEVIRGIL-1's activities in contacting Soviet visitors to the West. Throughout the past winter and spring AEVIRGIL-1 has been strengthening its organization and ties with resident emigres throughout Western Europe, concentrating on those areas where Soviet tourists are most likely to appear; i.e., Paris, Vienna, Rome, Brussels and Antwerp, and of course Western Germany. Within the framework of the AEVIRGIL-1 organization each of the five full-time operational types, AEVIRGIL's-5, -30, -108, -111 and -115, based at Munich and working under the close control and supervision of two KUBARK case officers, will have under his supervision five or six AEVIRGIL-1 members or associates residing in the cities mentioned above. Each of the resident members of the network, in turn, will develop under his direction an additional five or six individuals capable of making a contribution in contact operations directed against Soviet visitors.

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21. A special effort is being made to bring into this network people whose full-time or part-time employment will place them in contact with visiting Soviets. In this category we are looking for people who are usually called upon to interpret for Soviet visitors, tourist agency personnel, personnel working at local hotels and restaurants frequented by Soviets, etc.

22. Beginning with our five AEVIRGIL-1 operational types in Munich, a training program in the basic essentials of good, detailed reporting will be set up. This, it is hoped, will overcome one of the major deficiencies of previous AEVIRGIL-1 contact operations.

23. It is realized, here in Munich, that the monetary overhead of the AEVIRGIL-1 organization is high. We believe, however, that the operational potential of AEVIRGIL-1 more than justifies our investment in it. It remains for us to utilize this potential in fulfilling the KUBARK mission.

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